

consanguinity or affinity with any of the persons supposed to be affected by said improvement. Before a jury shall be summoned to assess the costs and expense of said improvement, the mayor and board of aldermen shall lay out, erect and constitute an assessment district extending in every direction to the limits of the area or zone of the special benefits to the property resulting from said improvement, to the best judgment of said mayor and board of aldermen; and said board may direct the mayor to issue, and he shall thereupon issue, his writ under the seal of said city, commanding a policeman of said city to summon a jury of six freeholders of said city, with the qualifications above set forth, in which writ the improvement shall be generally described, and therein name the persons supposed to be affected thereby. Each juror shall be sworn by the mayor or other person authorized to administer oaths in this State, to faithfully and impartially execute the duties of his office before entering upon the performance thereof. Each member of said jury summoned as aforesaid shall repair to the mayor's office at the date and hour to be named in the mayor's writ, not more than five days after the date of issuing of said writ, and be sworn as hereinbefore required. Upon the assembling of said jury at the mayor's office any person so summoned may be excused by said mayor upon satisfactory excuse offered; and the mayor shall require a policeman of the said city to summon another person having the same qualifications heretofore described, to appear instanter, and serve upon the jury in the place and stead of the juror so excused; and should any juror fail to be present at the time appointed in said mayor's writ, said mayor shall have a policeman to summon another person or persons of the same qualifications as herein required for jurors, to appear instanter, and be sworn as herein provided. Immediately after being sworn as aforesaid, the said jury, as finally constituted, shall proceed without unnecessary delay to view the improvement and the assessment district as hereinbefore described, and all property deemed by them to be beneficially affected thereby, and shall within a reasonable time thereafter, and not exceeding twenty-four hours thereafter, having made careful consideration thereof, make up their report, a majority concurring therein, in which shall be generally described each piece of property (by number or otherwise) deemed by them to be beneficially affected by said improvement, together with the amount of said benefits thereto arising from such improvement, and also giving the name or names of the supposed owner or owners thereof. Said jury shall immediately upon making up this report, a majority having concurred therein, sign their names thereto, under seal, and shall immediately file said report with the city clerk, who shall submit the same to the mayor and board of aldermen at their first regular meeting after the date of the filing of said report. Should said jury, with a majority concurring, fail to

Friction of assessment district.

Issue and service of writ.

Jurors to be sworn.

Assembling and completion of jury.

Jury to view improvement.

Report of jury.

Jury to sign and file report.

Submission of report to mayor and aldermen.

Hung jury excused.